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## ATTORNEY GENERAL KLINE AND STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW BOARD APPOINT WAYNE STITH AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Attorney General Phill Kline and the State Child Death Review Board (SCDRB) have announced the hiring of Wayne Stith as Executive Director. As the Executive Director, Stith manages the day-to-day business of the SCDRB.

Stith is originally from Baxter Springs, Kansas. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1995 from Pittsburg State University. Stith was formerly President and CEO of EHS, Inc., a professional safety consulting firm, he founded in 2001. Stith resigned his seat on the USD 508 Baxter Springs Board of education to serve as Executive Director of the SCDRB. He also previously served as Vice Chairman of USD 637 SEK Interlocal.

"The Child Death Review Board is very pleased to welcome Wayne Stith as the Board's new Executive Director. Wayne's professional training in the medical field and personal background of advocacy for our children's education make him uniquely qualified for this position. The Board is confident Wayne will be an asset to the Board and to the protection of present and future generations of Kansas children."



Stith commented, "As a father of five children I can think of no more important issue than the safety and well being of our children. I consider it an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to serve Kansas families in this very important role. I look forward to working with the dedicated team of health and social service professionals, law enforcement officials, and attorneys who comprise the Child Death Review Board."

The SCDRB is a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency board created by the Kansas Legislature in 1992 to examine the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Kansas children (birth through 17 years of age), compile information, and make recommendations regarding the health, safety and treatment of children and identify strategies to prevent further deaths of Kansas children.